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EXECUTIVE ORDER

ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), as amended, provides for the allocation by states of low-income housing tax credits for the purpose of facilitating the development of rental housing for low-income individuals and families. The Code and regulations interpreting the Code require that a state agency allocating low-income housing tax credits on behalf of a state be specifically authorized by gubernatorial act or state statute to make housing credit allocations on behalf of the state and to carry out the related provisions of Section 42(h) of the Code EO 87-10. The Washington State Housing Finance Commission (WSHFC), in accordance with and pursuant to RCW 43.180 et. seq., and EO 87-10, has made allocations of the low-income housing tax credit and made use of the provisions of the Code for the benefit of the citizens of the State of Washington. Executive Order 87-10 authorized the Washington State Housing Finance Commission to make the allocation of low-income housing tax credits for calendar years 1987, 1988, and 1989. The low-income tax credits for 1990 are now available.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Booth Gardner, Governor of the State of Washington, by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby order:

1. The Washington State Housing Finance Commission (the "Commission") is hereby specifically authorized to make all low-income housing tax credit allocations under Section 42 of the Code on behalf of the State of Washington and to carry out the provisions of Section 42(h) of the Code for low-income credits made available by the federal government for calendar year 1990.
2. The Commission shall be authorized to allocate all of the State of Washington's low-income housing tax credit ceiling under Section 42 of the Code, subject to the following limitations and conditions:
  - a. The Commission shall allocate low-income housing tax credits subject to its general policies governing allocation of the low-income housing tax credit.
  - b. The Commission shall allocate low-income housing tax credits in accordance with the provisions of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989.
  - c. The Commission shall report to the Governor and the Legislature on or before February 15, 1991, on the use of the low-income housing tax credits and include the following information as it relates to the availability and use of such tax credits in the State of Washington: low-income housing tax credits available; low-income housing

tax credits used; the general geographic pattern of use; the use of sub-allocations; the percentage of dollar value of credit allocated to specific users; the use by type of financing; and the relationship between the use of low-income housing tax credits and state low-income housing needs and priorities.

3. The Department of Community Development shall conduct an evaluation of the administration of the low-income housing tax credit program, including the appropriate location, and recommend to the Governor the appropriate location for the administration of the low-income housing tax credit program for 1991 and the following years. The evaluation will be completed by October 1, 1990. If a change in the allocating agency is required, the Commission will be provided with ninety (90) days advance notice, and commitments for low-income housing credits made by the Commission will be honored.
4. This Executive Order supersedes Executive Order 87-10 dated September 4, 1987, designating the Commission to administer the low-income housing tax credits under the federal law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 4th day of January, A.D., nineteen hundred and ninety.

Booth Gardner  
Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Ralph Munro  
Secretary of State

EXECUTIVE ORDER

WORKFORCE 2000 INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, Washington state government provides a wide variety of services to the people of the state, requiring state employees to have many diverse skills and capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the number and complexity of responsibilities entrusted to state government continues to grow, increasing the importance of attracting, training and retraining a workforce with the necessary skills and commitment to public service to meet these responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the findings of the Efficiency Commission's Workforce 2000 study demonstrate that state government will be faced with increasing challenges to recruit, develop, promote and retain a high quality workforce in the 1990s:

- One third of the state's current workforce will retire by the year 2000, including a large proportion of senior management and technical staff;
- The availability of trained, entry-level employees will decline, intensifying the competition between state government and the private sector for quality employees;
- The proportion of elder, minority, disabled and female workers will increase, making the need to recognize and work constructively with diversity even more imperative; and
- The nature of work will change, requiring a more highly trained workforce that will use more advanced technology in its work.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Booth Gardner, Governor of the State of Washington, by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby order the following actions to ensure that state government is prepared to meet these challenges:

Section 1. An advisory group shall work with the Department of Personnel (DOP) to clarify the respective roles and responsibilities of DOP and the executive agencies in the operation of our state's personnel system, including the identification of those activities that could be delivered more effectively at the agency level than at DOP, the priority of services delivered, and the potential for delegated authority by the State Personnel Board to the Director of Personnel of items that are uncontested or are not substantive in nature.

Section 2. All agencies shall develop and implement human resource management plans on a continuing basis and shall use high quality human resource management practices. DOP shall provide

guidance and coordination and the Office of Financial Management (OFM) shall clarify these requirements in budget instructions for the 1991-93 biennium.

Section 3. All agencies shall strive to create organizational cultures dedicated to service excellence by using the Brainstorm Program, the Teamwork Incentive Program and the Governor's Distinguished Management Leadership Award, and by expanding and intensifying training for all staff and management development programs. Agencies should develop working environments that promote commitment to quality, innovation, recognition, participative management, employee involvement, and efficiency and accountability.

Section 4. In coordination with all state agencies, I have asked DOP to initiate the following programs and changes:

- Human resource management in state government must be responsive to the diversity of the state's workforce and to the needs of protected group members. In cooperation with DOP, OFM shall review current programs and functions in the areas of equal employment opportunity and equal access to services in state government to determine how the effectiveness and influence of these programs can be maximized in mainstream human resource functions. DOP shall provide leadership and assistance to state agencies in identifying and addressing barriers that exist within the state personnel system that impact affirmative action and protected group members and the attainment of affirmative action goals. Meeting affirmative action goals is a priority of all executive cabinet agencies.
- Expand the use of "dual career paths" to provide career development opportunities for employees in technical or professional job classes.
- Enhance the image of state government as an employer and increase its competitiveness in attracting and retaining the talent needed to deliver high quality public services through programs to retain good employees, increased college recruitment, and targeted affirmative action recruitment.
- Make human resource management in state government more effective and efficient by developing a statewide management selection, training, and development program that establishes performance standards for all managers, refines the screening/examination process and criteria for management positions, and assists agencies in developing programs for the selection and assessment of managers.
- Increase the effective use of training resources to assure that state employees continue to have the skills necessary to accomplish their work. Agencies and DOP must recognize the need for continuous training to help employees adapt to changes in program emphasis, increased service delivery expectations, technological change, and budget constraints. DOP and the agencies shall collaborate to improve the quality and relevance of training in state services, and shall work together to determine the needs for training in generic skills widely used in state government, which would be provided by DOP, and agency specific skills, which would be provided by each agency. DOP shall establish an effective training needs assessment

process, including assisting agencies in determining training needs and evaluating the effectiveness of training programs.

This Executive Order, along with my human resource supplemental budget request and proposed legislation, will significantly improve Washington state government's ability to attract, manage, and retain the high quality workforce our state will need to meet its responsibilities in the 1990s and beyond.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 5th day of February, A.D., nineteen hundred and ninety.

Booth Gardner  
Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Donald F. Whiting  
Secretary of State, ASSISTANT

EXECUTIVE ORDER

ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF CRIME VICTIMS' ADVOCACY

As a result of several recent striking brutal crimes in Washington Sate [State], the Governor's Task Force on Community Protection was created to review the current criminal justice and mental health systems.

During its public hearings around the state, the Task Force heard a strong desire to coordinate and enhance services to victims of violent crime. Legislation recommended by the Task Force would have created an office of crime victims' advocacy in the Department of Community Development, along with a grant program to enhance community-based services. This recommendation was not adopted by the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Booth Gardner, Governor of the State of Washington, by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby establish the Office of Crime Victims' Services in the Department of Community Development (DCD), as follows:

- A. The director of DCD shall appoint an executive administrator for the office.
- B. The office shall have the following responsibilities:
  - 1. Administer grant programs authorized by section 1203 of Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 6259;
  - 2. Solicit communities for suggestions on state practices, policies, and priorities that would help communities treat victims of sex offenders; and
  - 3. Review the organization of crime victims' services in state and local government.
- C. The office shall submit recommendations to the Governor for future crime victims' programs and their organizational location.
- D. Consistent with Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 6259, the office shall expire on July 1, 1991.
- E. This Executive Order is effective immediately.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 28th day of February, A.D., nineteen hundred and ninety.

Booth Gardner  
Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Donald F. Whiting  
Secretary of State, ASSISTANT



EXECUTIVE ORDER

PROTECTION OF WETLANDS

WHEREAS, wetlands provide ecological as well as economic benefits to the state by protecting and preserving drinking water supplies; by providing a natural means of flood and storm damage protection; by serving as transition zones between dry land and water courses, thereby retarding soil erosion; by providing essential breeding, spawning, rearing, feeding, nesting, and wintering habitats for fish and wildlife; by providing special vegetation and vegetative communities; by serving important functions for surface and groundwater supplies of the state; and by providing outdoor training and educational resources; and

WHEREAS, as much as fifty percent of the state's original wetlands have been drained, dredged, filled, or otherwise altered and over ninety percent of the original saltwater wetlands in some urban estuaries of Puget Sound have been eliminated; and

WHEREAS, losses statewide are as much as two thousand acres annually; and

WHEREAS, loss of wetlands harms the economic and ecological welfare of the state; and

WHEREAS, local governments are in the process of planning for growth and for the protection of critical areas, including wetlands; and

WHEREAS, wetlands are among the most fragile of natural resources and must be protected by state agencies in their stewardship of lands and waters subject to the public trust; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to protect the functions and values of wetlands;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Booth Gardner, Governor of the state of Washington, by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby order:

Section 1. All state agencies shall rigorously enforce their existing authorities to assure wetlands protection;

Section 2. All state agencies shall exercise their substantive authority under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), to the extent legally permissible, to require mitigation of wetlands impacts for all agency actions affecting wetlands. Such actions include, but are not limited to, rule development and any projects or actions requiring state licenses, permits, approvals, loans or grants. State agencies shall, when necessary, amend their SEPA policies to include wetlands protection components. The Department of Ecology, in its review of SEPA compliance documents, shall

encourage and, to the extent legally permissible, require complete analyses of wetlands impacts, mitigation, and buffers;

Section 3. The Department of Ecology shall, to the extent legally permissible, exercise its authority under the Shoreline Management Act, to condition, deny, or appeal permits to assure wetlands protection. In addition, the Department of Ecology shall develop a model wetlands protection element for local governments to consider when amending shoreline master programs under the Shoreline Management Act;

Section 4. (a) The Department of Ecology shall request the Division Engineer of the Army Corps of Engineers to assert discretionary authority and modify nationwide permit 26 to require individual permits or permit conditions for certain categories of activities, types of wetlands and specific geographical regions. Examples include natural heritage sites, wetlands associated with shorelines of statewide significance, and recorded locations of threatened and endangered species. In these instances, actions affecting wetlands will no longer receive automatic authorization;

(b) The Department of Ecology shall evaluate and recommend future actions to reduce impacts to wetlands under the Federal Clean Water Act, such as further modifications to nationwide permit 26. The Department of Ecology shall reevaluate section 401 certification of nationwide permits affecting wetlands at such time as these permits are revised by the Army Corps of Engineers or when the existing certification expires in 1992, whichever comes first;

(c) The Department of Ecology, to the extent authorized by law, shall condition or deny water quality certifications under section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act to prevent the degradation of wetlands;

Section 5. The Department of Ecology, in its triennial review of water quality standards, shall revise the standards to incorporate provisions specifically designed to better protect wetlands;

Section 6. The Departments of Wildlife and Fisheries shall fully implement the authority granted under the Hydraulics Code and, to the extent legally permissible, condition or deny permits to protect fish life by assuring wetlands protection;

Section 7. The Puget Sound Water Quality Authority shall continue its efforts to ensure full implementation of the wetlands elements of the Puget Sound Plan. All state agencies, within available resources, shall use their authorities to assist in implementing applicable portions of the Puget Sound Plan wetlands program;

Section 8. The Department of Agriculture shall develop a permit system for application of pesticides on or near wetlands by licensed applicators in order to assist in evaluating the type, amount, and impact of pesticides used in wetlands. The Department of Agriculture shall also develop a program to assess the amount of pesticides applied by non-licensed persons on or near wetland areas through required reporting of sales volume of pesticide products not requiring licensure for purchase;

Section 9. The Forest Practices Board, with assistance from the Department of Ecology, is encouraged to amend both the forest practices rules and the best management practices for forest practices to protect wetlands in a manner consistent with this executive order;

Section 10. The Department of Community Development shall adopt standards establishing wetlands protection criteria for administration and issuance of funds through its public works trust fund, community development block grant program, and housing trust fund; and the Department of Trade and Economic Development shall work with the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) to develop and adopt wetlands protection criteria for administration and issuance of CERB loans and grants;

Section 11. The Department of Ecology shall give special consideration and allowance to those Centennial Clean Water Act grant proposals containing wetlands protection elements and shall condition any grant approvals to assure wetlands protection;

Section 12. All state agencies shall use the following definition of mitigation, in the following order of preference:

- (1) Avoiding the impact altogether by not taking a certain action or part of an action;
- (2) Minimizing impacts by limiting the degree or magnitude of the action and its implementation, by using appropriate technology, or by taking affirmative steps to avoid or reduce impacts;
- (3) Rectifying the impact by repairing, rehabilitating, or restoring the affected environment;
- (4) Reducing or eliminating the impact over time by preservation and maintenance operations during the life of the action;
- (5) Compensating for the impact by replacing, enhancing, or providing substitute resources or environments;
- (6) Monitoring the impact and taking appropriate corrective measures;

Mitigation for individual actions may include a combination of the above measures;

Section 13. The Department of Ecology shall develop statewide policies and standards on wetlands rating systems, mitigation, buffers, restoration, and enhancement in consultation with other agencies and interested parties. These policies and standards shall be adopted to the extent legally permissible by all state agencies as part of their SEPA policies, and shall be applied where appropriate to all licenses, permits, approvals, grants and actions undertaken by state agencies;

Section 14. The Department of Ecology, in consultation with agencies and academic institutions with expertise, tribes, local governments, and other appropriate parties, shall coordinate wetlands inventory activities and develop inventory standards and strategies to standardize and maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of inventory efforts in the state;

Section 15. The Department of Ecology shall develop a wetlands impact assessment process in conjunction with the demonstration conservation plan required by RCW 90.54. The wetlands impact assessment process shall balance the public policies of wetlands protection and water use efficiency as set out in RCW 90.03. The Department of Ecology shall consult with other interested and affected parties, in order to assist in decision making regarding water use efficiency improvements and wetlands protection;

Section 16. The Department of Ecology shall provide technical assistance to the Department of Community Development in the development of wetlands protection policies and standards for the implementation of grants programs and to guide the development of local government comprehensive plans and development regulations under the growth management bill passed by the 1990 legislature;

Section 17. The Department of Ecology shall provide educational and technical assistance, within available resources, for local government implementation of the wetlands protection components of the Puget Sound Plan and wetlands protection components of the growth management bill passed by the 1990 legislature;

Section 18. All local governments in this state are requested and encouraged to make all of their actions consistent with the intent and goals of this executive order. The Department of Ecology, in consultation with local governments, shall develop a model local government wetlands protection ordinance, and shall initiate and administer a local grants program, as funding permits, for the development of local wetlands protection programs;

Section 19. All appropriate state agencies shall continue to develop and implement wetlands education and outreach activities and to inform public and private interests regarding the provisions of this order;

Section 20. (a) There is hereby established an Interagency Wetlands Review Board (Board) which shall consist of the directors or designees of the Department of Ecology, the Department of Fisheries, the Department of Wildlife, the Department of Agriculture, the Puget Sound Water Quality Authority, and the Department of Community Development. The Department of Transportation and the Department of Natural Resources are invited to become members of the Board. The representative of the Department of Ecology shall serve as chair and shall provide staff support when needed;

(b) The Board is empowered to develop means to implement and monitor agency compliance with this executive order. The Board shall submit regular reports to the Governor on actions taken under this order;

(c) The Board is authorized to ask for assistance from any department, office, division or agency of this state to supply data, personnel, or assistance as necessary to implement the directives of this executive order;

Section 21. Nothing in this executive order shall apply to assistance provided for emergency work that is essential to save lives or protect property and public health and safety.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 21st day of April, A.D., nineteen hundred and ninety.

Booth Gardner  
Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Donald F. Whiting  
Secretary of State, ASSISTANT

EXECUTIVE ORDER

SUPERSEDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 84-02  
ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS

In order to promote a sound knowledge and understanding of state and local area economic conditions and outlook, as well as an understanding of national and regional factors affecting the state economy, it is desirable to establish a council to advise the Governor on a broad range of economic and fiscal matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Booth Gardner, do hereby affirm the need for and establishment of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors and direct the following:

- A. An advisory Council shall be established to be known as the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors.
- B. Members shall be appointed by the Governor for a two-year term. Vacancies shall be filled by the Governor for the balance of a term. Initial appointments shall be staggered with a portion expiring in two years and a portion expiring in three years. Thereafter all terms shall be for two years. All term expirations shall be June 30.
- C. Membership shall be selected on the basis of representation of important economic sectors in the state of Washington.
- D. The Council shall advise the Governor on state and local area economic conditions and outlook, including national and regional developments affecting state and national policies.
- E. In addition to analysis of general state economic conditions, the Council shall periodically review and provide advice concerning special economic developments affecting major sectors of the state economy, including impacts of state and national policy.
- F. The Council shall meet at least quarterly so that timely advice can be provided prior to the adoption of the quarterly official state economic and revenue forecast.
- G. The Office of Financial Management (OFM) shall provide administrative support to the Council and shall coordinate staff support with other state government agencies. In matters involving the quarterly economic and revenue forecast, OFM staff shall work closely with the Office of the Forecast Council to solicit information and analysis from members of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors.

- H. The Departments of Revenue, Employment Security and Trade and Economic Development shall provide additional data and information, from existing expertise and data systems, regarding general and special economic topics.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 17th day of September, A.D., nineteen hundred and ninety.

Booth Gardner  
Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Ralph Munro  
Secretary of State

EXECUTIVE ORDER

IMPLEMENTING THE WASHINGTON ENVIRONMENT 2010 ACTION AGENDA

WHEREAS, on December 15, 1988, the Washington Environment 2010 Advisory Committee was formally established by Executive Order 88-09 and was directed to prepare a State of the Environment Report and an environmental action agenda, and

WHEREAS, the State of the Environment Report was released in October, 1989, and "Toward 2010: An Environmental Action Agenda," was released to the public on July 18, 1990, and

WHEREAS, both reports were prepared in consultation with the Environment 2010 Public Advisory Committee, utilizing support from interagency technical and policy committees and in cooperation with a Steering Committee of agency directors and with financial and staff support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and

WHEREAS, the State of the Environment Report and Action Agenda address key issues in pollution prevention and protection of this states' [state's] wildlife, fisheries, outdoor recreation opportunities and other natural resources essential to the quality of life in Washington State, and

WHEREAS, the Environment 2010 Action Agenda is responsive to priority environmental issues identified in the State of the Environment Report and was developed through an extensive process of public outreach and support, and

WHEREAS, the Environment 2010 Action Agenda establishes an ambitious course for preventing pollution, protecting natural resources and creating an environment that we will be proud to pass on to future generations by the year 2010, and

WHEREAS, directors of Executive Branch agencies and representatives of the Commissioner of Public Lands, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Secretary of Transportation and federal agencies have participated cooperatively on the Environment 2010 Steering Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Environment 2010 Action Agenda provides guidance for action by state government necessary to achieve the Environment 2010 vision of a sustainable future and is also a call to the federal government, tribes, local government, business, agriculture, nongovernmental organizations and individual citizens for responsible environmental action, and

WHEREAS, effective environmental education is critical to the successful stewardship of our state's natural environment, and



WHEREAS, Washington State has statutory goals to achieve a fifty percent (50%) recycling rate by 1995 and to increase recycled paper purchases by fifty percent (50%) by 1993 and state government, through its purchasing practices can significantly further waste reduction and recycling efforts, and

WHEREAS, the spirit of Environment 2010 is an attempt to replace conflict and confrontation with cooperative and constructive resolution of environmental and natural resource disputes, and

WHEREAS, the environmental costs of conventional energy development are not at present sufficiently addressed in energy system planning which may cause environmentally desirable energy resources to be foregone because of distortions in their apparent relative cost, and

WHEREAS, the use of economic incentives is an emerging and potentially beneficial approach for achieving the goals of economic growth consistent with reducing pollution and promoting efficient use and protection of natural resources, and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive and integrated system for management of environmental information is needed to provide consistent, accurate and easily accessible data on the condition of the environment, and

WHEREAS, it is essential to periodically report on the condition of the state's environment and natural resources and to measure progress and trends in pollution control and natural resource conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Booth Gardner, Governor of the State of Washington, by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby order:

#### SECTION 1. GENERAL IMPLEMENTATION AND REPORTING

- (a) Using existing resources, all executive agencies shall exercise their current authorities and administer current programs in a manner consistent with and supporting implementation of the Environment 2010 Action Agenda.
- (b) The Environment 2010 Steering Committee shall designate lead and supporting agencies from among its members for each key recommendation in the Environment 2010 Action Agenda.
- (c) Lead and supporting agencies are responsible for documenting progress by state government towards implementing each key recommendation and progress by the federal government, tribes, local government, business, agriculture, nongovernmental organizations and individual citizens as applicable.
- (d) The Environment 2010 Steering Committee, in consultation with the Public Advisory Committee, shall monitor progress in implementing all key recommendations and shall submit a written progress report as part of its State of the Environment Report as described in Section 9 of this Executive order.

- (e) The Department of Ecology shall provide the staff support necessary to coordinate the monitoring and reporting of the implementation of Environment 2010 Action Agenda recommendations.

## SECTION 2                    ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

- (a) To promote better understanding and to better foster stewardship, it shall be the policy of all executive branch agencies to actively support environmental education, both through formal education systems and through state, local government or private sector efforts directed toward adults and youth in their homes, at work, in their communities and at play.
- (b) Effective immediately, the directors of the state's executive natural resource agencies shall form a Governor's council on environmental education to establish broad environmental education goals and policies; to serve as a forum for discussion of environmental education in Washington; to coordinate the efficient and effective use of resources; and to provide recommendations to the Governor, Legislature, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Board of Education, and Higher Education Coordinating Board on environmental education issues.
- (c) Membership on the Council shall include Directors, or their designees, of state executive branch natural resource agencies (Wildlife, Fisheries, Ecology, Energy, Parks, Puget Sound Water Quality Authority, Agriculture, Health and the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation).
- (d) The Council shall extend an invitation to sit on the Council to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Director of State Cooperative Extension Service and the Commissioner of Public Lands.
- (e) The Council may consult with and seek participation from representatives of state schools, colleges/universities, business and industry, agriculture, cities and counties, and the Legislature.
- (f) Chairmanship of the Council shall be appointed annually by the directors. The Council will meet at least four times each year and will periodically provide a report to the Governor.

## SECTION 3                    AIR QUALITY

- (a) All Executive Branch agencies, under the oversight of the Department of Ecology, shall seek ways to reduce the impact of their operations on outdoor air quality.
- (b) The Department of General Administration shall incorporate ambient outdoor air quality considerations into the planning and construction of state facilities.

- (c) Executive Branch agencies, under the oversight of the Department of General Administration and the Washington State Energy Office, shall initiate transportation demand management activities for their facilities and sites to reduce use of single occupancy vehicles.
- (d) The Department of General Administration, in consultation with the Department of Transportation, shall conduct a pilot project utilizing alternative fuel in state motor pool vehicles, beginning July, 1991.

#### SECTION 4                    STATE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

- (a) Executive Branch agencies, under the oversight of the Department of General Administration, shall actively seek ways to reduce, recycle, and purchase recovered material and environmentally desirable products.
- (b) It shall be the policy of all Executive Branch agencies to incorporate waste reduction and recycling into their management and operating procedures and to support markets for recovered material products by purchasing such products pursuant to federal requirements, and statutory and delegated authorities.
- (c) Agencies shall use the definition of recovered material content pursuant to RCW 43.19 or, as appropriate, Environmental Protection Agency guidelines. Executive agencies shall seek substitutes as practicable for products that are disposable, nonrecyclable or made with hazardous materials.
- (d) The goals for purchase of recovered material products shall be those of the State Government Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan, adopted pursuant to 70.95 RCW.
- (e) All Executive Branch agencies, through the Department of General Administration, shall report to the Governor on purchases of recovered material products. The reporting required herein shall be incorporated into the State of the Environment Report, as described in Section 9 of this Executive Order. The Department of Ecology shall prepare guidelines for such executive agency reporting.

#### SECTION 5                    DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- (a) Executive Branch agencies participating in Environment 2010 should continue to explore ways, such as through the Agriculture/Natural Resources Forum, to promote mediated resolutions of conflicts involving environmental and natural resources issues.
- (b) Where appropriate, such forums should occur through a public-private partnership, including the use of outside financial support.

## SECTION 6

### ENVIRONMENTAL COSTS OF ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

- (a) The State Energy office shall study and develop recommendations for energy planning tools that account for the environmental and natural resource costs of energy development. The Energy office shall work with the Northwest Power Planning Council, Bonneville Power Administration, the Utilities and Transportation Commission and other affected agencies in the development of such recommendations.

## SECTION 7

### ECONOMIC INCENTIVES FOR IMPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

- (a) The Departments of Ecology, Revenue, Trade and Economic Development, together with other interested agencies, shall form a task force to evaluate economic incentives designed to produce meaningful pollution reduction and protect the environment for the lowest possible cost to society.
- (b) The Task Force shall prepare a report by September 1, 1991, which identifies, wherever possible, the highest priority environmental problems that could be addressed through the use of economic incentives. The report should include, wherever possible, recommendations for specific incentives that would be subject to more thorough and detailed economic analyses. The estimated cost and recommended method of funding such analyses should be included in the report.

## SECTION 8

### COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- (a) The Department of Ecology, in consultation with the Department of Information Services and other natural resource agencies, shall plan a comprehensive and integrated environmental information system. The system shall be planned to achieve environmental data standards, facilitate data sharing, and minimize redundant data collection.

## SECTION 9

### STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT

- (a) The Department of Ecology, in cooperation with other agencies of the state, shall prepare and distribute a biennial State of the Environment Report consisting of information on key indicators of pollution levels, the status of this state's fisheries and wildlife, open space and outdoor recreation opportunities, and other natural resources.
- (b) The State of the Environment Report shall also report on the initiatives specified in the previous sections of this executive order.
- (c) The State of the Environment Report will identify key existing and emerging problems and shall recommend alternative actions to respond to each issue so identified.
- (d) The report shall be completed not later than December 1, of each odd numbered year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 18th day of October, A.D., nineteen hundred and ninety.

Booth Gardner  
Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:

John Dziedzic  
Secretary of State, ACTING DEPUTY

EXECUTIVE ORDER

ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Booth Gardner, Governor of the State of Washington, by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby order that:

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2. The Commission shall be authorized to allocate all of the State of Washington's low-income housing tax credit ceiling under Section 42 of the Code, subject to the following limitations and conditions:
  - a. The Commission shall allocate low-income housing tax credits subject to its general policies and Tax Credit Allocation Plan governing allocation of the low-income housing tax credit.
  - b. The Commission shall allocate low-income housing tax credits in accordance with the provisions of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990.
  - c. The Commission shall report to the Governor and the Legislature on or before February 15, 1992, on the use of the low-income housing tax credits and include the following information as it relates to the availability and use of such tax credits in the

State of Washington: low-income housing tax credits used; the general geographic pattern of use; the use of sub-allocations; the percentage of dollar value of credit allocated to specific users; the use by type of financing; and the relationship between the use of low-income housing tax credits and state low-income housing needs and priorities.

3. The Department of Community Development shall complete an evaluation of the administration of the low-income housing tax credit program, including the appropriate location, and recommend to the Governor the location for the administration of the low-income housing tax credit program for 1992 and the following years. The evaluation will be completed by February 1, 1991. If a change in the allocating agency is required, the Commission will be provided with ninety (90) days advance notice, and commitments for low-income housing credits made by the Commission will be honored.
4. Effective January 1, 1991, this Executive Order supersedes Executive Order 90-01 dated January 4, 1990, designating the Commission to administer the low-income housing tax credits under the federal law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 24th day of December, A.D., nineteen hundred and ninety.

Booth Gardner  
Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Donald F. Whiting  
Secretary of State, ASSISTANT